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Subject: Fwd: DRAFT response to the Texas Tribune on water quality testing
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Want to make sure you all are comfortable with this statement.

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Subject: RE: DRAFT response to the Texas Tribune on water quality testing

Ryan,

Can you make sure EPA good with saying the sampling part?

“Beginning next week, TCEQ will be conducting sampling at state Superfund sites to assess potential changes in site conditions.”

Also, added the word approximately.

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From: Andrea Morrow
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Incorporates Susan's info:

TCEQ's water quality sampling will be focused on **industrial facilities and hazardous waste sites**. Floodwaters contain many hazards, including bacteria and other contaminants. Precautions should be taken by anyone involved in cleanup activities or any others who may be exposed to flood waters. These precautions include heeding all warnings from local and state authorities regarding safety advisories. In addition to the drowning hazards of wading, swimming, or driving in swift floodwaters, these waters can carry large objects that are not always readily visible that can cause injuries to those in the water. Other potential hazards include downed power lines and possible injuries inflicted by animals displaced by the floodwaters.

TCEQ continues to get updates about the status of specific sites from the parties responsible for ongoing cleanup. So far, TCEQ staffers have assessed 16 of the 17 state Superfund sites in the affected areas and anticipate completing the single remaining assessment today. The TCEQ has not identified any concerns related to the storm. Beginning next week, TCEQ will be conducting sampling at state Superfund sites to assess potential changes in site conditions.

All, but one of these 24 vacancies were staffed prior to Hurricane Harvey making landfall on August 25, 2017. The remaining vacant position was staffed September 1, 2017. Working together, the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency and the Texas Commission on Environmental Quality continue to coordinate with local, state and federal officials to address the human health and environmental impacts of Hurricane Harvey and its aftermath, especially the water systems in the affected areas. **The TCEQ has approximately 500 people assisting in response to this natural disaster.**

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